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In re Application of:

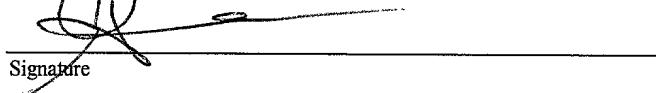
Bendak et al. ) Group No.: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/753,185 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: 2 January 2001 ) Docket No. AMCC4540

**For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUNDANT PATH CONNECTIONS IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

## CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, at line 8, please delete the first instance of "      " and insert the Serial No. --09/753,184--.

On page 1, at line 8, please delete the second instance of "      " and insert the date -- 2 January 2001--.

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**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in advance of the first examination of the subject application in order to provide newly received filing data for the concurrently filed applications. No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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